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LONDON FOR UNDER SECRETARY ROGERS

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1. SAG HAS PROVIDED FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL DATA ON RHODESIAN ECONOMY TO BE PASSED TO UNDER SECRETARY ROGERS. AGRICULTURAL DATA WAS PROVIDED BY SAG IN TABLE FORM WITH COUNTRY-WIDE TOTALS AND ALSO BROKEN DOWN BY PROVINCE. DUE TO DIFFICULTY IN TRANSMITTING COMPLETE TABLES BY CABLE, EMBASSY PLANS TRANSMIT COUNTRY-WIDE DATA VIA THIS CABLE AND POUCH TABLES SHOWING PROVINCE BY PROVINCE BREAKDOWN. IF PROVINCE BREAKDOWN NEEDED BY CABLE, REQUEST EMBASSY BE SO ADVISED.

2. ENROLMENT IN NORMAL SEVEN-YEAR GOVERNMENT AND AIDED PRIMARY COURSE: 830,000 BLACK AFRICANS RANGING FROM 158,000 IN GRADE 1 TO 78,000 IN GRADE 7. ENROLMENT IN NORMAL SECONDARY SCHOOLS: 41,000 BLACK AFRICANS RANGING FROM 13,000 IN FIRST YEAR TO 7,000 IN FOURTH YEAR. IN ADDITION 1,000 IN UPPER SIXTH FORMS. PERCENTAGE OF GRADE 7 PUPILS ADMITTED TO FIRST YEAR OF SECONDARY SCHOOL IN 1976: 20 PER CENT. ASSUMING PERCENTAGE OF INTAKE TO SECONDARY COURSE TO INCREASE TO 50 PER CENT OVER TEN YEARS, WOULD REQUIRE OVER THAT PERIOD AN INJECTION OF DOLLARS 848 MILLION FOR BOTH

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CAPITAL AND RUNNING EXPENSES. 230 SECONDARY SCHOOLS OF

720 PUPILS EACH WILL BE NEEDED. FIVE TEACHER TRAINING COLLEGES EACH WITH AN ENROLMENT OF 600 WOULD ALSO BE NEEDED. 7,400 SECONDARY SCHOOL TEACHERS, OF WHOM 2,000 WOULD HAVE TO BE UNIVERSITY TRAINED, WOULD BE REQUIRED TO SUPPORT THE EXPANDED SYSTEM. 214 TRAINING COLLEGE LECTURERS WOULD ALSO BE REQUIRED.

3. IN TECHNICAL EDUCATION FIELD FACILITIES TO TRAIN APPRENTICES AT MULTI-RACIAL TECHNICAL COLLEGES IN BULAWAYO AND SALISBURY ARE AVAILABLE TO ALL AFRICANS WHO OBTAIN ENTRY QUALIFICATIONS AND WHO ARE INDENTURED TO INDUSTRY BY THE APPRENTICESHIP AUTHORITY. VOCATIONAL TRAINING ON THE JOB IS OFFERED BY A VARIETY OF FIRMS AND, IN ADDITION, A NUMBER OF PRIVATE INSTITUTIONS IN THE VARIOUS CENTRES OFFER VOCATIONAL TRAINING. REQUIREMENTS FOR EXPANDING THESE PROGRAMMES WILL BE DETERMINED BY THE EXPANSION OF THE ECONOMY CREATING JOB OPPORTUNITIES. INVESTIGATION INTO THESE REQUIREMENTS PROCEEDING ON BASIS OF GROWTH OF TEN PER CENT IN 1978 AND FIVE YEARS THEREAFTER.

4. IN TRIBAL TRUST LANDS AGRICULTURAL ADVICE IS GIVEN BY EXTENSION ASSISTANTS, EXTENSION SUPERVISORS, EXTENSION OFFICERS, AGRICULTURAL OFFICERS AND SPECIALIZED STAFF. STAFF NUMBERS ARE INADEQUATE AND MORE WILL BE NEEDED IF THERE IS TO BE A DRIVE TO INCREASE PRODUCTION IN TTLS. ALSO WORKING IN TTLS ARE CO-OPS AND MARKETING OFFICERS, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ADVISERS AND IRRIGATION MANAGERS. STAFF AS AT OCTOBER 1976 WAS AS FOLLOWS: PROFESSIONAL AND TECHNICAL 155 (IN TRAINING), 22 FIELD STAFF (VILLAGE LEVEL) 1,277. (REQUIREMENTS CALCULATED AS PER PHILLIPS COMMISSION REPORT IN 1962). TOTALS: 4,500 FIELD LEVEL: 452 PROFESSIONAL AND TECHNICAL.

5. BASIC REQUIREMENTS FOR AUGMENTING FACILITIES FOR AGRICULTURAL TRAINING ARE LIKELY TO BE (1) EXPANSION OF CPIPEO AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE 500,000 DOLLARS; (2) A NEW AFRICAN AGRICULTURAL TRAINING SCHOOL COSTING 3 MILLION DOLLARS.

6. IN AFRICAN PURCHASE LANDS EXTENSION ADVICE AND
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ASSISTANCE IS PROVIDED BY SIX SPECIALIST BRANCHES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION AND EXTENSION, NAMELY, PLANNING, TRAINING, IRRIGATION, ENGINEERING, AGRONOMY AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY. BRANCHES ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR TRAINING THEIR OWN FIELD STAFF AND EXTENSION STAFF. THE STAFF INVOLVED CONSISTS OF FOUR GROUP OFFICERS, 22 EXTENSION OFFICERS, 39 EXTENSION SUPERVISORS AND 265 EXTENSION ASSISTANTS. SPECIALIST TRAINING COURSES ARE RUN FOR AFRICAN PURCHASE

LAND FARMERS AT PROVINCIAL AND NATIONAL TRAINING CENTRES. THE EXTENSION AND TECHNICAL SERVICES TO THE AFRICAN PURCHASE LANDS ARE ADEQUATE AT PRESENT. CREDIT FACILITIES, AT PRESENT 1 MILLION DOLLARS, WILL HAVE TO BE INCREASED TO 2 MILLION DOLLARS. THIS WILL BE DONE IN THE 1977/78 SEASON WHEN THE REQUIREMENT WILL BE NEEDED. THERE ARE NO NATIONAL PROGRAMMES FOR TRAINING AFRICANS AT MANAGEMENT LEVELS AS SUCH. IN-SERVICE TRAINING IS PROVIDED BY THE LARGER COMPANIES AND AFRICANS PARTICIPATE IN MANAGEMENT COURSES RUN BY POLYTECHNICS IN SALISBURY AND BULAWAYO FOR EXAMINATIONS SET BY THE RHODESIAN INSTITUTE OF MANAGEMENT. MANAGEMENT TRAINING CAN BE EXPANDED BY THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A COLLEGE THE CAPITAL COST OF WHICH IS ESTIMATED AT 3 MILLION DOLLARS.

7. AGRICULTURAL POTENTIAL: GIVEN THE NECESSARY FINANCE AND TECHNICAL BACKING IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE TO DOUBLE THE AREA UNDER CULTIVATION UNDER DRY LAND CONDITIONS IN NATURAL REGIONS IIA AND IIB WHICH ENCOMPASS ROUGHLY MASHONALAND NORTH AND SOUTH AND PART OF MANICALAND. PRODUCTION OF CERTAIN CROPS SUCH AS TEA, COFFEE, DECIDUOUS FRUIT AND FORESTRY COULD BE DOUBLED IN NATURAL REGION I (REMAINDER OF MANICALAND).

8. THE POTENTIAL FOR INCREASING PRODUCTION IN NATURAL REGION III (MIDLANDS) UNDER DRY LAND CONDITIONS IS LIMITED. THERE IS NO FURTHER POTENTIAL FOR INCREASING ARABLE LAND UNDER DRYLAND CONDITIONS IN NATURAL REGIONS IV AND V (MATABELELAND AND VICTORIA). HOWEVER, PRODUCTION IN TRIBAL TRUST LANDS THROUGHOUT RHODESIA COULD BE DOUBLED IF FINANCE AND TECHNICAL BACKUP WERE AVAILABLE TO IMPROVE YIELDS AND TECHNIQUES.

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9. AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION FOR THE COUNTRY AS A WHOLE
COULD BE QUADRUPLED IF PLANNED MAJOR IRRIGATION SCHEMES
WERE IMPLEMENTED.

A. CROP AREAS IN HECTARES IN THE TRIBAL TRUST LANDS (TTL);

APRIL 1976 ESTIMATE:

MAISE -	766,710
SORGHUM -	235,790
GROUNDNUTS -	324,363
SOYABEANS -	1,840
COTTON -	35,230
EDIBLE BEANS -	35,180
SUNFLOWERS -	4,770
MUNGA -	496,950
RAPOKO -	14,220
BURLEY TOBACCO -	532
ORIENTAL TOBACCO -	111
TILCOR - 110 HECTARES GROUNDNUTS	
3,490 HECTARES COTTON	

B. LIVESTOCK: ANNUAL STOCK RETURN AS AT 31 DECEMBER
1975 IN T.T.L.S.

CATTLE -	3,122,554
SHEEP -	493,687
GOATS -	1,872,421
PIGS -	96,478

LIVESTOCK IN AFRICAN PURCHASE LANDS (APLS)
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CATTLE -	194,721
SHEEP -	42,438
GOATS -	46,483
PIGS -	5,740

NOTES ON ABOVE DATA:

(1) THE AREA PRESENTLY CROPPED IN TRIBAL TRUST LAND AMOUNTS TO ABOUT 2,000,000 HA. THE TOTAL AREA OF TTLS IS A BIT OVER 16 MILLION HECTARES OF WHICH SOME 2 MILLION IS WASTE. THERE IS THEREFORE SOME 12 MILLION HECTARES OF GRAZING. THE STOCKING RATE FOR CATTLE IS NOW 1 BEAST TO 4 HA. WHICH IS HEAVIER THAN DESIRABLE. THERE IS THEREFORE NO MORE LAND AVAILABLE FOR CROPS WITHOUT ENCROACHING ON PASTURAGE.

(2) THE AREA CROPPED TO CONTROLLED CROPS IN APLS IS 75,600 HA. THE TOTAL OF ALL CROPS IS THEREFORE ABOUT 150,000 HA. THE TOTAL AREA IN APLS IS ABOUT 1.5 MILLION HA ALTHOUGH ALL THE DESIGNATED AREA IS NOT SETTLED. PROBABLY ABOUT 1 MILLION HECTARES ARE GRAZING. THE

STOCKING RATE IS THEREFORE 1 BEAST TO 5 HA.

(3) AGRICULTURAL ADVICE IN TTLS IS GIVEN BY EXTENSION ASSISTANTS, EXTENSION SUPERVISORS, EXTENSION OFFICERS, AGRICULTURAL OFFICERS AND SPECIALISED STAFF. STAFF NUMBERS ARE INADEQUATE AND MORE PERSONS WILL BE NEEDED IF THERE IS TO BE A DRIVE TO INCREASE PRODUCTION IN TTLS. ALSO WORKING IN TTLS ARE CO-OPS AND MARKETING OFFICERS, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ADVISERS AND IRRIGATION MANAGERS.

(4) AT PRESENT THE ONLY INSTITUTIONS WHICH SUPPLY FINANCE IN TTLS ON ANY SCALE ARE THE TREASURY AND THE AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT FUND. SOME OTHER AGENCY WORK ON A SMALL SCALE SUCH AS THE AFRICAN LOAN FUND, WHITSUN FOUNDATION ETC.

(5) THE PRESENT BRANCH OF PURCHASE LAND ADMINISTRATION IS ADEQUATE FOR EXISTING SETTLEMENT REQUIREMENTS, BUT IF LARGE SCALE SETTLEMENT AND DEVELOPMENT IN THE PURCHASE AREAS IN ENVISAGED, THEN THERE WOULD NEED TO BE A GREAT EXPANSION OF THE BRANCH TO PROVIDE THE SERVICES AND ADMINISTRATION.

C. CROPPING AREA IN THOUSANDS OF HECTARES.

TOBACCO, FLUE CURED: EUROPEAN - 55.1, APL - 0.

OTHER TOBACCO: EUROPEAN - 3.5, APL - 0.4

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MAISE: EUROPEAN - 272.9, APL - 31.6

SORGHUM: EUROPEAN - 6.5, APL - 7.0

WHEAT: EUROPEAN - 26.0, APL - 0.8

BARLEY & OTHER: EUROPEAN - 1.5, APL - 9.4

SOYA: EUROPEAN - 11.4, APL - 0

GROUNDNUT: EUROPEAN - 5.0, APL - 14.9

SUNFLOWER: EUROPEAN - 2.6, APL - 1.4

COTTON: EUROPEAN - 88.4, APL - 15.5

COFFEE: EUROPEAN - 4.0, APL - 0

SEED MAISE: EUROPEAN - 6.6, APL - 0

BEANS: EUROPEAN - 0.3, APL - 0

OTHER CROPS: EUROPEAN - 30.1, APL - 2.6

POT/BEANS/VEGS: EUROPEAN - 7.4, APL - 1.9

FRUIT: EUROPEAN - 6.0, APL - 0.3

TOTAL CROP/FRT. EUROPEAN - 527.3, APL - 85.8

FODDER: EUROPEAN - 16.9, APL - 0

PASTURE: EUROPEAN - 67.0, APL - 0

GREEN MANURE: EUROPEAN - 2.9, APL - 1

GRAND TOTAL: EUROPEAN - 614.1, APL - 85.9

D. LIVESTOCK NUMBERS IN EUROPEAN AREAS IN THOUSANDS:

BEEF CATTLE 2,634

DAIRY CATTLE 127

UNCLASSIFIED CATTLE 51

SHEEP 223

PIGS 108
GOATS 41.
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